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Provo plans to increase property taxes by 15 percent to compensate for decreasing enrollment and diminishing government grants.

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Students struggle to obtain visas

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Since the Sept. 11 attacks and increased homeland security, the refusal rate on student visas has gone up.

Enoc Flores, director of BYU International Services, said he expects about 40 to 50 students to be denied visas this Fall semester, causing a drop in international student registration.

"If you go to the consul, you have a 50/50 chance of getting a visa," Flores said.

Last week BYU canceled a conference for 28 Chinese delegates when 25 of the delegates were not given visas in time.

Flores said the delegates could not prove they were only going to be here temporarily.

Erlend Peterson, BYU associate international vice president, said obtaining visas is not as predictable as it once was.

"There are new things to look at and new considerations," Peterson said. "We used to know what they were looking for."

Students who are admitted to BYU face the same unpredictability when they approach U.S. consulates to receive a visa to enter the United States.

"China has always been a problem country, not only at BYU but everywhere in the United States," Flores said. "Every time we go to a conference, we talk about China because a lot of Chinese are denied."

Despite the difficulty in obtaining visas, China ranks in the top three countries represented by BYU international students.

In 2000, BYU had 148 students from China. This total was beat only by Canada, which sent 292 students to BYU.

Flores said the main problem in obtaining a visa is that U.S. consulates have complete discretionary authority in deciding whether or not to give a visa.

"It's whatever their gut feeling is," Flores said. "If the officer feels like you're not coming back, they don't have to have anything but a feeling, and you get denied."

When interviewing students, U.S. consulates look for ties to the home country that show students have a reason to return home.

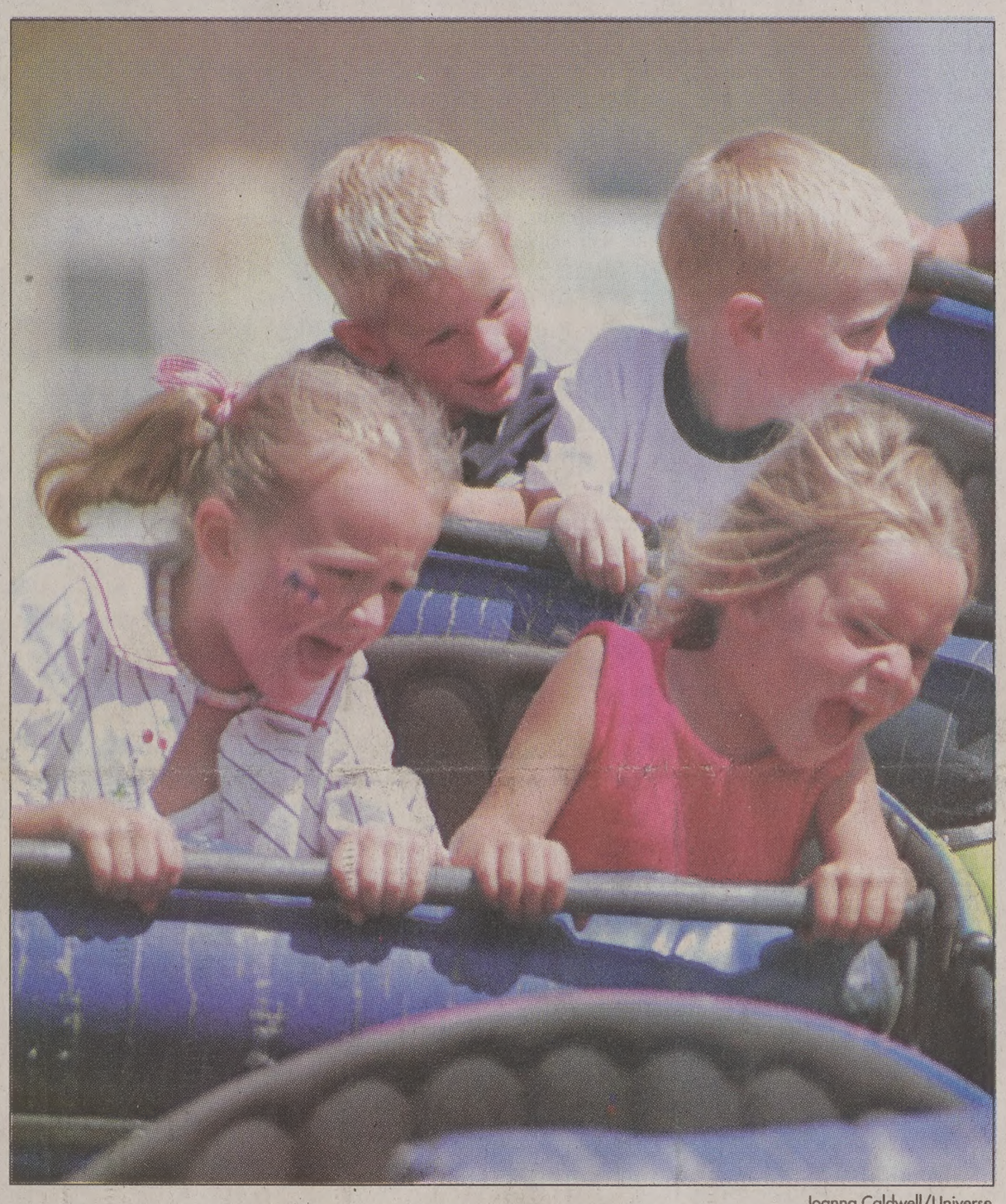
Consulates ask students about family, finances and future job opportunities.

"When students are asked all these questions they have no idea why they are asking," Flores said. "It depends on the time of the day, the day of the week and how you are dressed."

Flores said once studying in the United States, students should be cautious about leaving.

In the past, international students have gone home over Christmas and then not been able to return and graduate in April.

"We instruct the students not to go home unless it's an emergency," he said. "Don't go home just for fun because if you do, you may not be able to make it back."



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Utah children ride the Puff the Magic Dragon roller coaster at Spanish Fork's annual Fiesta Days. Upper right, Utah parents and children ride on a spinning swing as part of the celebration.

Days of '47 honors American heroes

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Days of '47 Parade celebrated a nation Wednesday, not just the pioneer trek it commemorates.

Floats, marching bands and covered wagons sported lots of red, white and blue in honor of this year's theme: "Pioneers and Patriots — America's Heroes."

The annual parade, held each July 24, celebrates the arrival of Mormon pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

In Utah, July 24 is a state holiday that is celebrated much like the Fourth of July, except with Brigham Young and Mormon pioneers as the focus rather than the Founding Fathers and American revolutionaries.

This year marked the first parade since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and the event featured several entries honoring police, firefighters, military and those in medical professions.

Bob Martin, a firefighter for the Los Angeles County Fire Department for 36 years, traveled from Thousand Oaks, Calif., with his wife, Sunnette. They have visited Utah for the parade before, but knew this year would be different.

"I knew there was going to be a lot of tribute to the firefighters," said Martin, who wore a dark blue FDNY T-shirt.

A float representing a congregation from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, showed several people in traditional pioneer bonnets, as well as a doctor and people in Army and Marine uniforms.

A float representing the city of Provo displayed replicas of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, the Delicate Arch from Arches National Park, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and the Statue of Liberty in New York.

Judy Anderson of Farmington noticed the parade's more patriotic flare.

"It makes me feel good," she said. "I've enjoyed that part of it."

Belmont housing yet to be approved

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BYU approval for Belmont condos may hinge on the compliance of three units.

A letter was recently sent to Belmont condominium owners from BYU housing, warning them that if each unit owner does not send in off-campus housing approval forms by Aug. 31, Belmont will no longer be approved BYU housing.

"As a result of non-compliance with the condominium policy, university approval of the Belmont Condominium Complex and all its owners will be withdrawn Aug. 31, 2002," stated the letter, written by Craig Thomas, an off-campus housing official.

Although Belmont has not lost BYU-approval, the letter caused confusion among residents.

"Word got out from the owners to the tenants. The letter created a panic and a misunderstanding among students," said Tyler Carlson, 23, a senior from Thornton, Colo., majoring in finance. "I'm disappointed in the way BYU carried it out. Why not contact the 17 units first, then inform us about approval withdrawal?"

Kirsten Kakadelas, a future Belmont tenant, heard about possible Belmont non-approval while doing an internship in Boston.

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"My future roommate called me and I started to worry about where I would live in the fall," said Kakadelas, 21, a senior from Carlsbad, Calif., majoring in accounting.

The letter from Thomas to owners did inform them of the students' right to terminate a contract if a complex becomes disapproved BYU housing.

John Pace, BYU off-campus housing director, said BYU policy requires that an entire complex be BYU approved housing and not just approved by each individual condo.

If a complex is disapproved after a student signs a contract, the student has the right to remain living in the unit without violating university policy because it had BYU housing approval when the student signed the contract, Pace said.

However, any student that signs a contract after a complex is officially disapproved will be in violation of BYU off-campus housing code.

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Drought threatens herds

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Ranchers and livestock throughout the state are feeling the effects of Utah's drought and summer heat.

According to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service, water supplies are extremely low and range conditions are poor due to record-breaking heat and lack of precipitation throughout the state.

One area of the state that is being forced to deal with effects of the climate is Iron County.

"It's unthinkable. I have never seen the conditions this bad," said Chad Reid, an agricultural agent for the Utah State University extension services in Cedar City. "Even those who were around in the 1930s and 1950s (another period of time when it was extremely dry), are saying that the current conditions are the worst they have ever seen," he said.

The conditions are forcing ranchers to make extraordinary adjustments for when they have to move their livestock.

Many ranchers in the area have already had to move their cattle off their summer ranges, when they would normally not have to bring the livestock off their ranges until the first part of October, Reid said. There is not enough food on the ranges for the livestock to stay, he said.

Early removal of livestock from their summer ranges is causing a financial burden to ranchers.

Reid said bringing the cattle off the ranges forces ranchers to hay feed the cattle, which is costly, causing ranchers to sell their cattle.

Agriculture has a low rate of return as it is, and when combined with four years of drought, the situation becomes life threatening for many ranchers, he said.

It appears as though the conditions in Southern Utah will even-

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Cattle are suffering from the severe summer heat. Utah's drought has made food scarce for the cattle.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Raging rains ravage southeast Asia

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Monsoon rains have killed at least 175 people in Nepal, Bangladesh and India with swollen rivers surging through embankments, flooding thousands of villages and triggering mudslides, relief officials said Wednesday.

The rising waters have forced millions in the three countries to flee their homes and search for higher ground.

A series of mudslides Wednesday in the southeastern city of Chittagong, Bangladesh, killed two people. The month's death toll of 69 includes 38 people who died from diarrhea caused by drinking polluted water, the officials said.

In Nepal, the Interior Ministry reported that at least 100 people were killed this week and 49 were missing. The 49 missing likely have been swept away by rushing waters or buried in villages smashed by landslides since the annual monsoon deluge began to drench the Himalayan kingdom on Sunday, the ministry said.

Cheney to aid local House candidate

SALT LAKE CITY — Congressional candidate John Swallow will be getting some high-powered help in his bid to unseat Democrat Jim Matheson.

Vice President Dick Cheney is expected to travel to Utah on Aug. 8 to raise money for Swallow. They are hoping to raise more than $250,000 at a $250-a-plate dinner at the Little America Hotel but will have to spend part of that money to pay for Cheney's visit.

Utah's 2nd District Congressional race is one of a handful that Republicans and Democrats are closely eyeing. A swing of six seats in the 435-member U.S. House would give Democrats control.

Cheney last visited Utah during the 2002 Winter Olympics for the Closing Ceremony, and the Wyoming native is a popular figure with Utah Republicans.

Floods force Venezuelan evacuations

GUASDUALITO, Venezuela — Venezuela's military evacuated hundreds of people Wednesday and delivered tons of food and medicine to at least 45,000 citizens who lost their homes in flooding.

Five people were killed in the southwestern state of Apure as rivers overflowed, creating lakes of stagnant water filled with dead animals, trash and sewage.

Much of the town of Guasdualito, population 25,000, remained under six feet of water Wednesday. By boat and by canoe, army troops and residents went from house to house searching for victims. Soldiers rescued students who had been trapped on the second floor of a high school since Monday.

Hundreds of people built makeshift shelters with tarpaulins, cardboard boxes and debris. Others slept in churches and schools or left the area in trucks loaded with mattresses, iceboxes and bags of clothing.

Troops airlifted tons of food, drinking water, clothing and medicines to affected towns. Hundreds of refugees were taken by aircraft to nearby states, while army engineers repaired roads and bridges and dug ditches to drain stagnant fields.

Fire deemed a 'suspicious' hate crime

HEBER CITY, Utah — A fire that damaged the Alpine Lodge was arson and a hate crime, co-owner Mazhar Tabesh said, and the FBI has sent an agent who specializes in civil-rights cases to investigate.

"We are really scared because we are Muslim — probably the only Muslims in area — and we are the target," Tabesh said.

He said the blaze started at 11:30 p.m. Sunday in a room rented by a man who paid cash, showed no identification and was seen leaving with another man just after the fire started.

He said he gave the registration papers to police, but the name was scrawled and hard to read.

The FBI has assigned an agent who specializes in civil-rights cases to help Heber police with the investigation.

No arrests have been made.

The fire caused about $100,000 damage, said police Sgt. Jason Bradley. He said the fire was suspicious.

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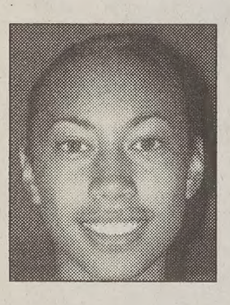
Scripture of the Day



"But behold, I say unto you that ye must pray always, and not faint; that ye must not perform anything unto the Lord save in the first place ye shall pray unto the Father in the name of Christ, that he will consecrate thy performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of thy soul."

— 2 Nephi 32:9

Kirsten Paunga, 19, a sophomore from Alberta, Canada, who has not yet declared a major, likes this scripture because "it says we can do anything as long as we ask the Lord to help us in our performance."

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State battles children's diseases

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Immunization requirements for Utah children entering kindergarten have been expanded to include the hepatitis A and chickenpox vaccines.

The additions for the immunization requirements were made official by the Utah Department of Health after recommendations from the national Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Utah Scientific Vaccine Advisory Committee.

"Many of the hepatitis A cases and most of the chickenpox cases occur among the young," said Stephan McDonald, public information officer for the Utah Department of Health.

With the additional vaccinations, many of the outbreaks can hopefully be controlled, he said.

The Utah Department of Health reports children ages 5 to 14 are most susceptible to hepatitis A.

Also, according to the Utah Department of Health, nearly 90 percent of all chickenpox cases take place among children.

Hepatitis A levels in Utah have been more than three times larger than the national average in the past 10 years, McDonald said.

In 2001, Utah's hepatitis A ratio dropped to 2.9 cases per 100,000 people, while the national average was at 4.5 cases per 100,000 people, he said.

Yet, because of the rate during the 10-year period, Utah is considered a high-risk area for hepatitis A since the potential for a large number of cases exists, McDonald said.

The new immunization requirements will only include students in kindergarten.

However, the added immunizations will possibly expand to other students, McDonald said.

Although the new addition does not involve those who are already in school, the standard is encouraging to some parents.

"As a parent, I want to do everything possible to keep my children safe and healthy," said Amy Baxter, whose child is entering kindergarten this year. "It helps make me feel secure that all of the children who will be going to kindergarten with my daughter this year are required to have the same immunizations."

According to the Utah Department of Health, all other current immunization requirements will remain the same.

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...elle Palmer, 29, a senior from Phoenix, Ariz., majoring in marriage, family and human development, took over as president of the salsa club last January, when there were only seven members.

"I had to find some really committed people," she said.

Palmer said she thinks the club's growth is due to many reasons, one of which is the professional dance lessons the club offers.

But it is not all about dancing, Palmer said.

"The point is just to bring a lot of people together," Palmer said. "It is so easy to feel lonely when there are so many people around you at BYU."

Palmer said she has seen many members of the salsa club gain a sense of belonging and friendship.

Natalie Green, 21, a senior from Reno, Nev., majoring in community health education and Spanish, joined the salsa club last fall and is now a committee member.

She said the growth is because of the advertising plan the committee has instituted.

"We are trying to get everyone aware, and we thought that by doing all of these things, we could accomplish our goal," Green said.

The salsa club's next dance will be Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Wilkinson Center.

New idea has appealing ring

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In a high-tech age, one Internet marketing company hopes to connect online customers and businesses through surprisingly low-tech means — the telephone.

Denver-based CallMe Corp. uses its Instant CallBack technology to give customers live access to businesses they discover online.

Online customers enter their name and telephone number on a form, and CallMe's computer first calls the customers and then the online business.

The customer is instantly connected with the online business, allowing users to easily talk to company representatives.

Owen Cherrington, director of BYU's Rollins Center for eBusiness, said services like CallMe's Instant CallBack could ease frustrations expressed by many of today's customers.

He said consumers are often annoyed by not being able to communicate directly with companies.

"When people purchase over the Internet, they might have a picture and a description, but they don't have someone to talk to," Cherrington said.

CallMe's director of marketing Mark Callahan said the company's product is differentiated from competitors by its simplicity.

"No software, hardware or anything. All you need is the telephone that's on your desk," Callahan said.

Utah customers can find CallMe Instant CallBack links for many local businesses' telephone numbers on the Qwestdex directory Web site.

According to Callahan, CallMe has successfully placed over 750,000 two-way calls since launching the Instant CallBack service in June 2001.

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Millcreek Trio
Concert Thursday, 7 p.m., HFAC.
Admission is free.

Colors
Concert Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Shops at Riverwoods.
Admission is free.

Peter Breinholt, Ryan Shupe and the Rubberband, and Colors
Concert, Orem City Center Park, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Tickets are $10 at Hogi Yogi locations or at the door.

Maxim Barbershop Quartet
Friday, 8 p.m., at Brigham Young Historic Park, southeast corner of State Street and Second Avenue.
Admission is free.

Events

Open Air Cinema
"Jurassic Park," Friday; "Independence Day," Saturday.
Films begin at 9:30 p.m. with live band Alex Boye beforehand.
Admission is $3 before 8:30, $4 afterwards.

Salsa Dance
Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., WSC East Ballroom.
Admission is $3 with ID.
Free dance lessons first hour.

Festival touts diversity

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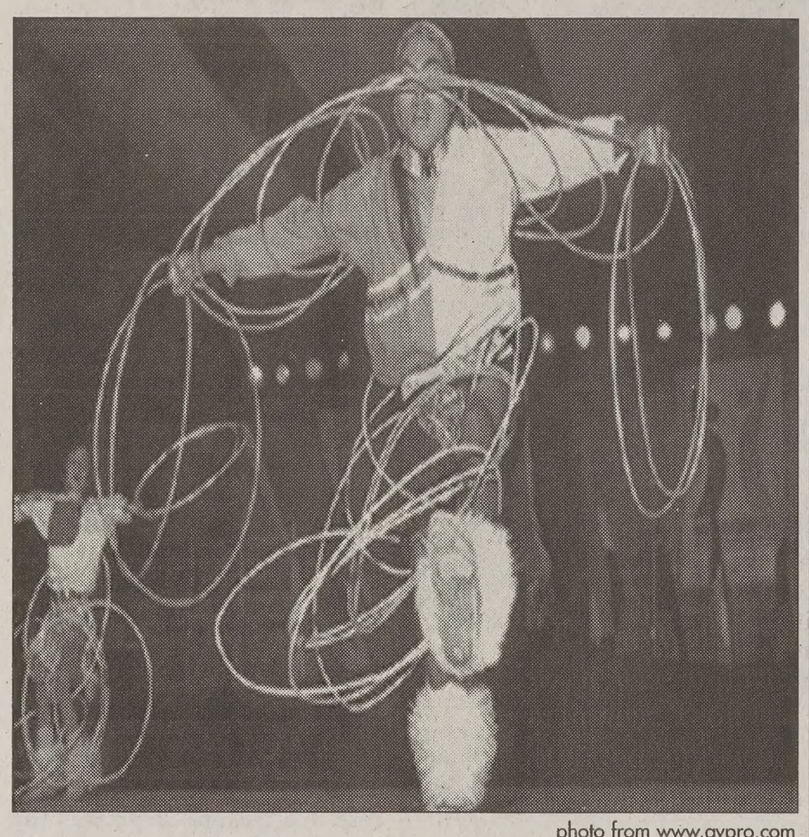

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A USA's Morning Star dancer balances 21 hoops while dancing to rhythmic music. Springville World Folkfest performers share their cultures with audiences.

Dancers from around the world came to Springville last week to share a portion of their heritage with audience members at the 2002 World Folkfest.

Native dancers from Turkey, Spain, New Zealand, Taiwan and the United States performed to live music at the 17th annual international event, which promotes open exchange of diverse cultures.

"It was wonderful," said Sara Newman, Folkfest program director. "Dancers gave us a good variety. It was a high standard of choreography and the audience learned a lot about culture."

A unique culture to many audience members was Basque.

"Basque dancers shared their culture with a lot of people who knew nothing about that part of Spain before," Newman said.

Basque performers shared music and dance that can be seen at carnivals in Spain. The highlights from this performance include colorful customs and a dance over glasses.

Adding to the cultural diversity, dancers from New Zealand performed the waka, a dance expressing how their ancestors migrated to the island, and the haka, a dance that portrays dolphins and different animals.

"In our dances we are able to portray our ancestors," said Gaylene Kavaka, a dancer from New Zealand. "It's great to perform here because we can leave a little bit of New Zealand in the audience's hearts. It's great to look at the audience and see that they can feel our culture."

Adding a bit of young talent was a Turkish children's group, which performed Solmaz, a wedding dance; Sallama, a dance with wooden spoons; Aysat, a dance that shows the love between boys and girls; and Yogurt, a dance about yogurt.

"The children danced extremely well to very athletic dances," said Martin Conover, chairman of Folkfest. "It was a very crowd-pleasing group."

Sharing another unique culture were the event dancers from Taiwan, who performed The Legend of Pythons, an ancient folklore about pythons that change into humans.

"They were quite accomplished," Conover said.

America's culture was represented by two groups: Morning Star and Cloggers West.

Orem-based USA's Morning Star has enjoyed performing for Folkfest over the years.

The group represents Native Americans and includes dances that were done in powwows by Plains Tribes.

One of Morning Star's most popular dances was the Hoop Dance, where performers used 21 hoops to create many different formations, from flowers to a soaring eagle. The circle of the hoop represents life, strength and unity.

"Dancing helps express my heritage," said Liav Moore, 13, a dancer for Morning Star.

Having performed at Folkfest for two years Moore said she enjoys meeting people from other countries.

Utah trails a haven for mountain bike

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It's mid-July, and the mountain snow has long since melted, revealing dozens of mountain biking trails throughout the state.

Whether biking one of the famous national parks in southern Utah, trekking through high-elevation mountain trails or just using the designated bike lanes in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah has something to fit everyone's needs.

"The state of Utah is basically divided into two groups of trails, when it comes to mountain biking," said former BYU student Carrie Lewis, 23, who frequently travels from her home in Colorado to bike in Southern Utah.

"There are some great alpine courses along the Wasatch Front and the lower elevations have some beautiful rock and desert trails," Lewis said.

One of the most well-known bike routes in the state is Moab's Slickrock Trail, which was originally developed by motorcyclists in 1969.

Slickrock, which boasts more than 100,000 visitors every year, is renowned for its coarse sandstone surface, which allows bikers to ride at almost gravity-defying angles.

John Young, 23, a senior from Issaquah, Wash., majoring in English, was blown away by the Slickrock trail.

"There were times when I [was] riding on trails that seemed to go straight up and down," he said. "I kept thinking that my bike was going to slip out from under me. It was a total rush."

During the summer months some ski resorts, such as Deer Valley, utilize their chair lifts to transport mountain bikers and hikers to and from the top of trails.

According to Christa G[illespie], communications manager for Deer Valley, the resort has offered this service since 1992 and it has been extremely successful.

"People are really starting to think of us as a year-round resort," she said. "We have world-class skiing during the winter, and outstanding mountain biking during the summer."

Readers of Mountain Bike Action magazine rated Deer Valley one of the top 10 mountain bike destinations in the United States.

Deer Valley and Slickrock are just two of the many trails located in Utah that have made the state known throughout the world as a mountain biker's paradise.

"Utah really does have something for everyone," Graff said. "From the experienced trail to the short courses that are perfect for family rides, you really can't go wrong."

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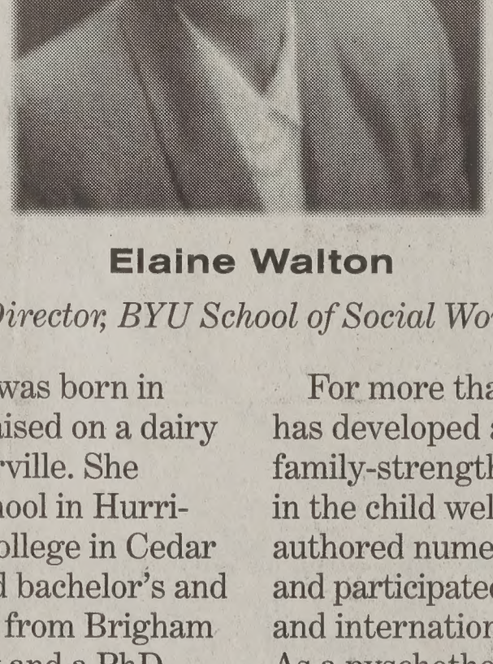

Elaine Walton

Director, BYU School of Social Work

Elaine Walton was born in St. George and raised on a dairy farm near Toquerville. She attended high school in Hurricane and junior college in Cedar City. She received bachelor's and master's degrees from Brigham Young University and a PhD from the University of Utah.

Professor Walton started her academic career as a member of the social work faculty at The Ohio University, where she was recognized as Outstanding Graduate Teacher of the Year in 1993. Currently she is an associate professor and director of the School of Social Work at BYU.

For more than a decade she has developed and evaluated family-strengthening programs in the child welfare arena, authored numerous publications, and participated in many national and international conferences. As a pyschotherapist Professor Walton counsels women who struggle with difficult life circumstances and helps them take charge of their lives.

Professor Walton and her husband, Wendel, who serves as a branch president at the Missionary Training Center, have 10 children and 17 grandchildren.

Tunisian outruns ex-Cougs in marathon

by Stephanie B. Smith
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NewsNet Sports Writer

The 2002 Salt Lake City Marathon had a little confusion, a little sibling rivalry and a big winner in Wednesday's race.

Tunisia's Chokri Dhaouadi outran former BYU cross country stars Craig and Marc Lawson to win the marathon in a time of 2 hours 32 minutes.

The Lawsons made a late push but Dhaouadi held on to win by fifty yards.

Craig Lawson finished in second place, less than two seconds before his older brother.

"I felt good at the end," he said. "I tried to go for first and make up the ground. I just didn't have enough."

Lawson, an All-American at BYU who won the 2000 SLC Marathon, attributed his success in running to former Cougar coach Sherald James.

"He really got me ready to compete," Lawson said. "I owe it all to him."

The marathon began near Mountain Dell Reservoir under a moonlit sky at 5 a.m. The race followed the path the pioneers took into the Salt Lake Valley and ended at Liberty Park.

A pack of five runners stayed together for the first 8 miles before splitting with some confusion at a turnaround.

The pace car could not get through a road barrier (it finally ran over a chair) and the Lawson brothers found themselves momentarily stopped.

Dhaouadi and another runner made it through without problem and led by about 20 feet after all the runners made it through.

"They didn't have any problems with the course. The hardest part of the race was knowing the mileage," Dhaouadi said. "I could not find the right pace."

He even had to ask those sitting in the pace car how many miles he had left.

Dhaouadi led from the 12-mile mark when he overtook another runner who fell back in the pack.

"Nobody bothered me during the race," Dhaouadi said. "Some guys would come in and then they would go out."

The field of runners consisted of some of the best in the country.

"It is my job to recruit the best," said Gene Whitmore, elite athlete coordinator. "We pay for about 40 elite runners to come and compete. We turn 80 to 100 away."

Elite runners are those who win at a competitive level consistently, Whitmore explained.

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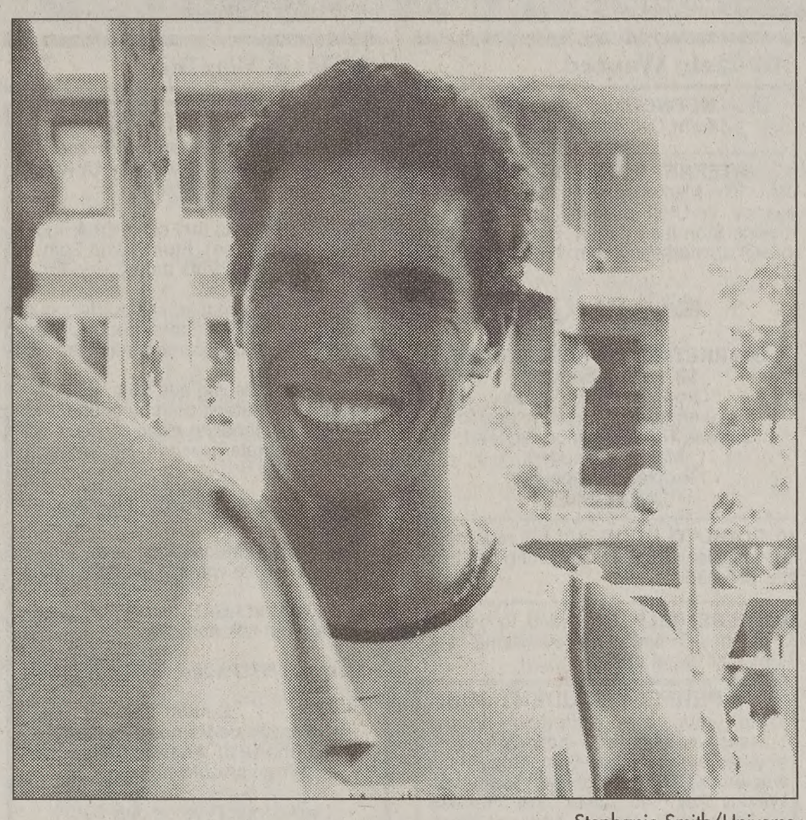

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Tunisia's Chokri Dhaouadi is all smiles after winning Wednesday's Salt Lake City Marathon just ahead of former Cougar cross country stars Craig and Marc Lawson.

Lawson is training for the 2004 Olympic trials while also working at an accounting firm and being a husband and father of three.

"Marc and I meet together every morning to train, before work and heat," Lawson said. "It is no fun running by yourself."

This is the third time the Lawsons have competed in the marathon. After his 2000 win, Lawson finished third last year.

His brother was third in 2000 and fourth last year.

Kathy Smith finished first for the women with a time of three hours and four minutes.

Armstrong nears fourth Tour title

Associated Press

LA PLAGNE, France — Lance Armstrong placed third in the 16th stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday, extending his overall lead in his bid for a fourth straight title.

Armstrong finished 1 minute, 25 seconds behind stage-winner Michael Boogerd of the Netherlands in the 111-mile leg marked by difficult climbs.

But the 30-year-old Texan finished ahead of his nearest challenger, Spain's Joseba Beloki, and pushed his overall lead from 4 minutes, 21 seconds to about 5 minutes.

"It was really a difficult stage," Armstrong said. "La Plagne is a tough mountain pass."

Barring illness or injury, or a spectacular loss of form in Thursday's last mountain stage, Armstrong is almost certain to retain the yellow jersey of overall leader until the finish in Paris on Sunday.

Armstrong won last year's Tour with a 6:44 lead over second-placed Jan Ullrich of Germany.

Wednesday's stage through the Alps included three exceptionally difficult climbs and was the toughest of the three-week Tour.

Thursday's leg from Aime to Cluses is the last in the mountains, where the Tour title is usually decided.

"It's a complicated day," Armstrong said of the final mountain stage. "It's never flat. It's the same stage as two years ago when I cracked at Joux-Plane."

Armstrong was referring to his only weak moment in the 2000 Tour, when he suddenly tired in the final mountain stage and lost nearly 2 minutes from his overall lead.

Armstrong never tired during last year's Tour, suggesting he has learned to maintain his form throughout the competition.

He is also favored to win Saturday's individual time trial and extend his lead.

Armstrong sprinted away from the pack of race favorites 2 1/2 miles before the finish.

The U.S. Postal Service team rider was about 2:40 behind Boogerd when he made the break.

He powered up the final stretch, cutting more than a minute off Boogerd's lead, and caught up with Sastre.

He shook hands with Sastre after crossing the line. Beloki finished 2:02 behind Boogerd.

Armstrong was congratulated by Prince Albert of Monaco after the stage.

The American finished ninth in the 15th stage on Tuesday.

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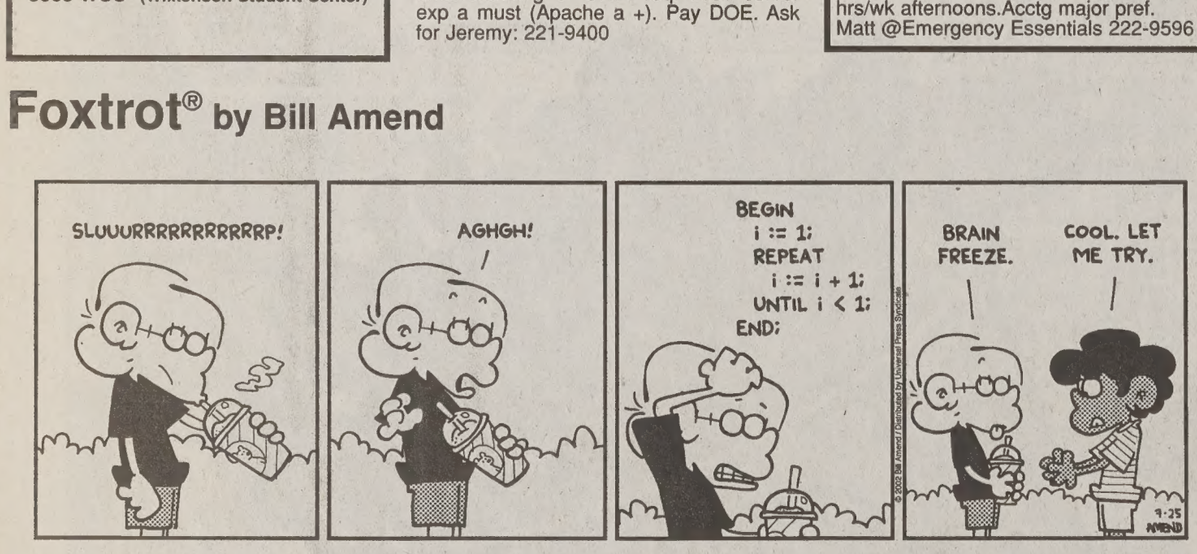

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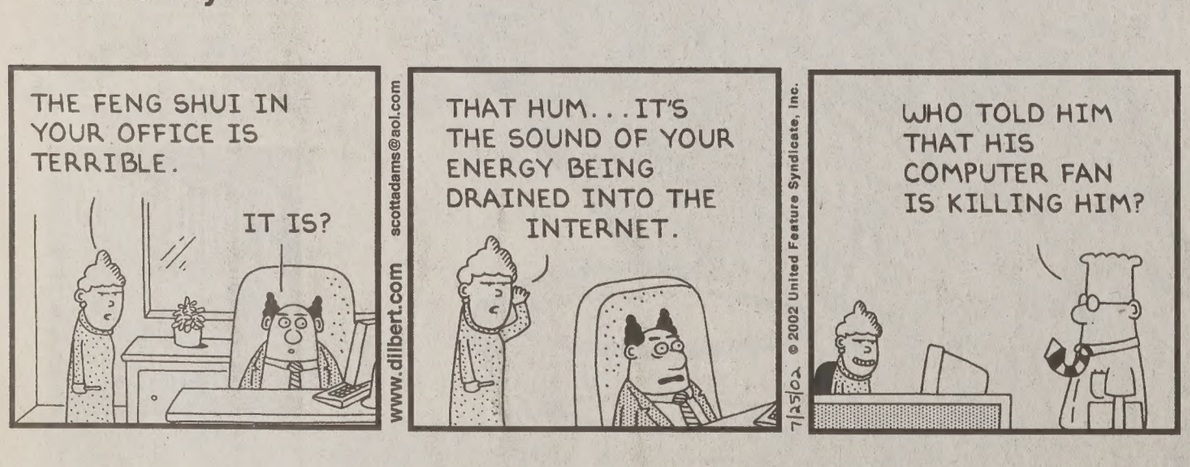
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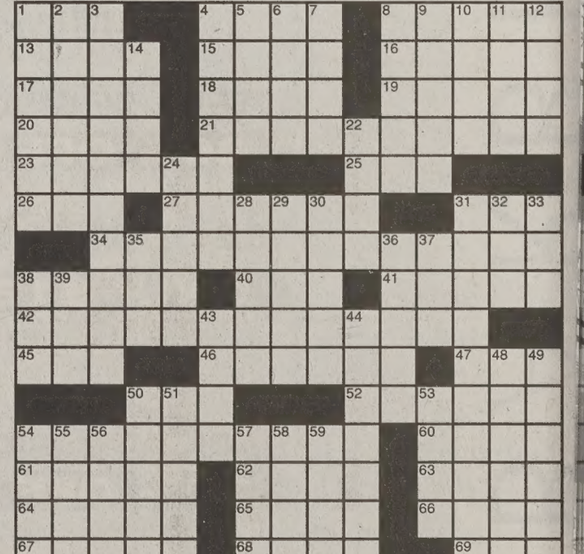

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1 Dr. Seuss character
4 Class-conscious grps.?
8 Stops on ___
13 Fruity coolers
15 Kind of hour
16 Electrician, at times
17 It dissolves in H_2O
18 Novel ending?
19 Town in a war novel
20 Muslim honorific
21 Compensation (+)
23 City in eastern China, onetime Nationalist headquarters
25 Sullivan and O'Neill
26 That, in Tijuana
27 Eliminate the potholes in, say
31 Chipper
34 Spicy dish (–)
38 James ___ Garfield
40 Co. in a big 2001 merger
41 Harbingers
42 Cast Stallone as a doctor, say (–)
45 Mosh
46 Feature of a manx cat
47 Pinch
50 Perched
52 Go-getter
54 Show elation (+)
60 Advil target
61 "Middlemarch" novelist
62 Arizona snake dancers
63 Brisk movement
64 ___ nous
65 Cooker
66 Rig
67 Film board member
68 Rat
69 Not sweet

DOWN
1 Party offering
2 Truisms
3 Managerial type
4 "The Godfather, Part II," e.g.
5 1984 Peace Nobelist
6 Italian province next to Torino
7 Got rid of
8 Peabody or Polk
9 Antics
10 Home of some Kurds
11 Children's ___
12 Suffix with sock
14 Smelting waste
22 Hammer part
24 Bandleader Louis
28 Word with roll or bar
29 At ___ (with repercussions)
30 Inventor of the electric battery
31 Popular 1960's sitcom
32 Miller of Hollywood
33 "Sounds good to me"
35 One who might crack a mirror
36 Not boldly
37 Sound carrier
38 Bronze ___
39 Fancy wrap
43 Studying closely
44 Spiffing (up)
48 Returnee's cry
49 Kind of license
50 Germ
51 Following
53 Writer Hentoff and others
54 Catcall
55 It runs down the arm
56 Hand holder
57 Fraternity letters
58 Rock's Bon ___
59 Uncap

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Parents on alert, even in 'Happy Valley'

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Over the past five months the nation has watched as strangers have taken Danielle Van Dam, Elizabeth Smart, Samantha Runnion and Erica Pratt from their front yards and their bedrooms.

Every year thousands of children are abducted, but the nature of these cases has created widespread interest and fear.

Provo is considered one of the safest communities for children, yet some parents are concerned because of the recent child abductions making news headlines.

"Provo is probably the scariest place to me because everyone knows there are a lot of children here," said Tanya Roylance, a Provo mother of two.

The trusting nature of the strong Latter-day Saint community may lead parents to become relaxed about their child's safety.

"A lot of parents have busy lifestyles, and children are being left unsupervised at younger ages. In this society it used to be OK, but things are scary now," said Roylance concerning the recent abductions. "I think it's always good for people to be aware of what can happen."

Karen Mayne, public information officer with the Provo Police Department, said she believes parents have a responsibility to teach their children how to be safe.

Mayne recommends parents know where their children are at all times.

"Children should give their parents notice when they are going to a friend's house to play," she said.

Parents should also be sensitive to a child's behavior, keeping the lines of communication open, so children can talk to them if the child has any concerns.

"We do have sexual-type predators out there who may not abduct but may abuse or molest children," she said.

Parents should caution their children to beware of strangers who ask for help looking for lost keys or a pet.

"We've talked to our kids and told them if someone comes up to them and says 'I need help getting my keys out of a small area,' we've said 'does an adult really need your help?'" Roylance said.

Mayne suggests parents be alert to any teen-ager or adult who pays an unusual amount of attention to a child.

Anyone who gives a child expensive gifts or acts inappropriately is someone parents should beware of, she said.

"You need to trust people and be kind but always be cautious," Roylance said.

"Parents should have current records on their children — current photographs, something that most parents have," Mayne said. "So if something does happen, they can make them available to the police."

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has a list of safety tips for parents on its Web site, www.missingkids.com.

"I'm glad we're having this discussion. I'm glad children are learning they need to be careful, they need to be safe and learning how they can do that," Mayne said.

Safety Tips for Parents

- Make sure your children know whose homes they can visit when you're not there.
- Make sure your children know their names, addresses and telephone numbers and what to do in case of an emergency.
- Teach your children in whose car they may ride.
- Caution children to keep doors locked and not to open the door or talk to anyone who comes to the door when they are home alone. Make certain that they understand not to tell anyone who calls that they are home alone.
- Choose baby sitters wisely.

Source: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children graphic by Julia Swinton

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-tually be affecting the entire state.

Jeff Christensen, an intern at the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service, said the state sends out surveys to county agents throughout the state and the reports coming back are not promising.

"Circumstances that are currently affecting only certain parts of the state will be eventually disturbing the whole state," Christensen said.

Utah County ranchers are feeling the effects as well.

"The early hot weather has forced a great deal of the grass to retard in growth much earlier than normal," said Craig Burrell, animal scientist agent for the Utah State University extension services in Provo.

He said that because of the lack of growth, many ranchers in Utah Valley may be forced to move their cattle off their summer ranges as early as August.

Since many ranchers have to move their herds early, the demand for hay is high, causing the price of hay to go up, Burrell said.

"Hay is pretty expensive right now — nearly $20 to $30 per ton higher than it normally is," he said.

Due to higher prices for hay and an early exit from the summer ranges, some ranchers will be forced to examine their herds and downsize them as needed in order to break even, he said.

Presently, most ranchers in the state need this fall and winter to bring changes to the current conditions throughout the state.

"It is a sad situation right now, and if things do not improve before next year, I am afraid to see what the circumstances could be like then," Reid said.

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At the time the letter was sent to unit owners, 17 condominium unit owners had still not sent in off-campus housing agreement forms, Pace said.

Since then, three unit owners have not complied.

The Belmont East Home Owner Association's management company, FCS Property Management, assured owners of their desire to comply with BYU policies.

"Belmont has until Aug. 31, 2002 to get these three units approved. This will not be a problem," FCS Property Management wrote in a statement addressed to all Belmont tenants.

Pace said Belmont is not yet officially disapproved.

The three remaining units have about one month to gain approval or receive an exemption.

For a condominium to be BYU approved off-campus housing, each condo owner must fill out forms agreeing to BYU housing standards, Pace said.

Off-campus housing condominium policy requires owners to reapply for housing approval every year.

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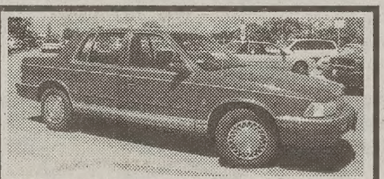

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Geneva Steel's financial trouble may effect the town of Vineyard. If the plant is permanently shut down, Vineyard will lose tax revenue gained from Geneva.

Geneva fate looms over town

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In the midst of Geneva Steel's bankruptcy, the town of Vineyard is searching for other financial options if the plant is permanently shut down.

Geneva Steel will find out at the end of this month whether it will receive a loan that would allow the plant to continue operating, said Carl Ramitz, Geneva Steel vice president of human resources.

Geneva Steel is seeking a new $250 million credit facility to repay its existing term loan of approximately $108.4 million and to finance the company's electric arc furnace strategy, according to a Geneva Steel news release.

"The company continues to work with potential lenders, including a possible application under the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Program," the news release said.

If the loan goes through, Geneva Steel would proceed with restart operations on the electric arc furnace strategy, Ramitz said.

He declined to comment on the company's plans if the loan is not guaranteed.

Vineyard will explore bringing in other businesses if Geneva is shut down, said Barbara Davies, Vineyard town clerk.

"We'll just turn to other sources. Up to this point, Geneva has been providing the needed services, but the property will still be here if Geneva goes under," she said. "Someone else will buy the property and Vineyard will get the funding through them or through some other source."

Vineyard receives funding from Geneva through taxes.

If the company shuts down, it will put some of the financial burden of running the town on the residents until another business can be found, Davies said.

Geneva has had decreasing numbers of employees over the past year.

"Our numbers have recently stabilized and the 60 employees that are here currently will remain until the decision on the loan is made," Ramitz said.

However, Geneva Steel does not employ any of Vineyard's 150 residents.

"Most of our residents make their livelihood by farming," Davies said.

With the noise from the farming industry, it could be difficult to lure some businesses to the town of Vineyard.

Davies said the steel and farming industries both make noise and there aren't disputes over noise levels or what time of day or night they occur.

"Geneva Steel is a great neighbor, and hopefully we won't have to see them go," she said.

She said no matter what happens with Geneva, Vineyard will rebound.

"Geneva makes a difference, but it's not going to sink the town if it goes under," Davies said.

Wilderness programs scrutinized

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Paul Cheeseman said he suffered a hernia six years ago under the excruciating conditions of a wilderness therapy program in Arizona for boys.

Cheeseman, now 23, a junior from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in near eastern studies, said he was hot, dry and tired after walking across the harsh desert landscape of Arizona. He had dry heaved continually with no food or water immediately available.

When things got worse, a staff member carried Cheeseman more than a mile and drove him to a shabby hospital that afforded him no treatment. He was eventually taken to a better hospital where he underwent hernia surgery.

"It was bad — bad, bad, bad. But at the same time, it was always worth it," he said.

After last week's death of Ian August, 14, from Austin, Texas, the fifth death in a wilderness therapy program in Utah since 1990, Skyline Journey, located in Nephi, Juab County, is under scrutiny and is dealing with issues that are eerily similar to Cheeseman's experience.

When pressed about similar issues of safety and concern, Jeff Johnson, spokesman of Skyline Journey, said he was unable to comment until the investigation by the Millard County Sheriff's office was completed.

The Office of Licensing for the Department of Human Services, which oversees wilderness therapy programs in Utah, is keeping things under tight wraps.

However, Johnson said, "From what I understand the first three incidents in the state happened from programs that probably shouldn't have been running."

Yet Cheeseman is quick to defend programs like Skyline.

He may have drunk from dirty rivers and followed maps without whereabouts, yet he returned to the wilderness trail after surgery.

"They loved me. They built a stretcher out of their blankets to carry me on," he said.

Johnson, too, is quick to defend. "I imagine that the state wasn't nearly as involved early on," he said. "I'm sure that Utah is the safest state in the country because they've been doing it for so long."

District plans property tax hik

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Provo City School District is planning to raise property taxes by almost 15 percent.

The increase is to compensate for decreased student enrollment and diminishing government grant money.

The increase will help maintain student services previously funded by federal grants and the school district's capital fund, said Bob Gentry, director of personnel for Provo School District.

"We can't buy buildings or conduct major repairs without the capital fund," he said. "We have to replenish it with a tax increase."

Gentry said the district discussed the situation with Mayor Lewis Billings and received the "green light" to move forward.

However, David Nielsen, Provo City finance director, said the mayor would not be involved in a property tax increase by the Provo City School District.

"If the school district decides they want to raise property taxes they can just go ahead with the process," Nielsen said.

Claude Richards, the Utah County Tax Assessor, agrees.

"The buck stops with the individual taxing entity," he said. "If they want to increase property taxes, they must first hold a public hearing, and then can do whatever they feel needs to be done."

Gentry said the district has not raised property taxes for a few years, and the sudden property tax hike is making up the difference all at once.

The district is looking to ate $3 million from th increase, $2.4 million of will be used to replenish th tal fund and $600,000 alloca the curriculum department.

On July 16, Provo S District closed down Middle School and Edg Elementary, citing low enro as the main reason for doin

Gentry said the loss of than 600 students in the l years is partly responsible decision of the school dist raise property taxes.

When asked why the pr property tax increase w much higher than other districts in Utah County, said that most other distri experiencing growth.

"We've had a loss of stud they have not," he said.

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